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March 26, 2010

Santa Barbara City Council De la Guerra Plaza, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Santa Barbara City Planning Commission Approvals 825 De la Vina St., March 18, 2010

Mayor Schneider and City Council Members,

I am herein appealing the March 18, 2010 Planning Commission approvals of the proposed project at the above address which include, but are not limited to, a Tentative Subdivision Map, a new Condominium Development and the mechanical vehicle lifts that do not comply with the parking requirements (ZO). I am also appealing the use of a Categorical Exemption to avoid compliance with California Environmental Quality Act.

I have the following specific objections with the proposed project:

- The parking lifts used in this project are not authorized by the Santa Barbara Municipal Code.
- There are numerous Site Plan violations of Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter
 Automobile Parking Requirements.
- 3. Project square footages seem incorrect.
- 4. Neighborhood compatibility findings cannot be made.
- 5. There are numerous violations with landscaping and landscape protection as required in 28.90.050 (8) of the Santa Barbara City Municipal Code.
- 6. The project accrued major bonuses by utilizing the Mixed Use Ordinance. These benefits do not result in an enhanced or superior development. The rear building has approximately 2 ½% commercial square footage by obtaining the benefits.

7. The California Fair Political Practices Act may have been violated.

I will supply additional and more specific details and objections prior to the City Council hearing and reserve I the right to supplement my appeal up to that date. I have attended all but one of the numerous Architectural Board of Review meetings and both Planning Commission meetings.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Sharpe